

ABBREVIATION KEY

A&H	Accident and Health
APN	Advanced Practice Nurse
Art.	Article
CHIP	Children's Health Insurance Program
COB	Coordination of Benefits
COBRA	Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985
DIR	Department of Information Resources
EOC	Evidence of Coverage
ERS	Employee Retirement System
GC	Government Code
HB	House Bill
HBP	Health Benefit Plan
HHS	Health and Human Services
HHSC	Health and Human Services Commission
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HSC	Health and Safety Code
IRO	Independent Review Organization
JUA	Texas Medical Liability Insurance Association
LHL	Life, Health, & Licensing Program
MEWA	Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSA	Medical Savings Account
OC	Occupations Code
PA	Physician's Assistant
PIA	Public Insurance Adjuster
PPO	Preferred Provider Organization
PPBP	Preferred Provider Benefit Plan
SB	Senate Bill
SCHIP	State Child Health Insurance Plan
Sec.	Section
SSN	Social Security Number
TAA	Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002
TAC	Texas Administrative Code
TACCP	Technical Advisory Committee on Claims Processing
TDA	Texas Department on Aging
TDH	Texas Department of Health
TDI	Texas Department of Insurance
TDLR	Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation
THIRP	Texas Health Insurance Risk Pool
TIC	Texas Insurance Code
TMS	Telemedicine Medical Services
TPA	Third Party Administrator
TRS	Teacher Retirement System
URA	Utilization Review Agent
US	United States
WC	Workers' Compensation